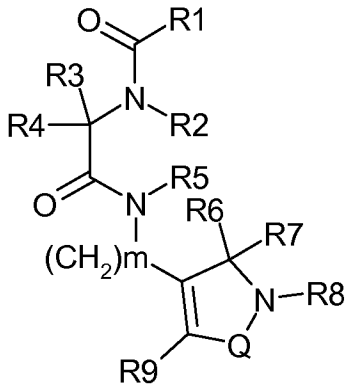
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

~~Claim~~ 1 (Currently Amended). A compound of the Formula I



Formula I

wherein:

R1 is NHR10,(substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_6alkyl)NHR10 or (unsubstituted or substituted C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl)NHR10;

R10 is hydrogen, C_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6alkyl(OH), C_1-C_6alkylidenyl(OH)R11, or an amino protecting group;

R11 is C_1-C_6alkyl, C_2-C_6alkenyl, C_1-C_6alkyl(O)C_1-C_6alkyl, C(O)O-C_1-C_6alkyl, aryl, or C_1-C_6alkylaryl;

R2 is hydrogen, C_1-C_6alkyl, aryl, or C_1-C_6alkylaryl;

R4 is hydrogen, C_1-C_6alkyl, aryl, C_1-C_6alkylaryl, or C_2-C_6alkenyl;

R5 is hydrogen, aryl, C_1-C_6alkylaryl, hydroxy, C_1-C_6alkoxy, unsubstituted or substituted C_1-C_6alkyl;

R6 and R7 are independently hydrogen, unsubstituted or substituted C_1-C_6alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted C_2-C_6alkenyl, or R6 and R7 together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a carbocyclic ring of up to 8 atoms which is optionally partly unsaturated or a substituted C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl group which is optionally partly unsaturated;

R8 is hydrogen, unsubstituted or substituted C_1-C_6alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted aryl, unsubstituted or substituted (C_1-C_6alkyl)C_3-C_8cycloalkyl, or unsubstituted or substituted C_1-C_6alkylaryl;

Q is $-S(O)_2-$ or –C(O)-;

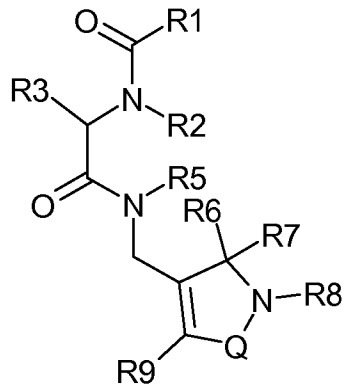
m is a number selected from 1 or 2;

R3 is substituted C_1-C_6alkylaryl, substituted C_1-C_6alkyl(O)-C_1-C_6alkylaryl, substituted C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, substituted (C_1-C_6 alkyl) C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, or aryl substituted by at least one $-SO_2CF_3$ group; and R9 is hydrogen, C_1-C_6alkyl, C_2-C_6alkenyl, C_2-C_6alkynyl, C_3-C_8cycloalkyl, C_3-C_8cycloalkenyl, cyano, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted -O-aryl, optionally substituted –N-aryl, optionally substituted –S-aryl, -aryl-aryl(K1)(K2), -O-aryl-aryl(K1)(K2), -N-aryl-aryl(K1)(K2), -S-aryl-aryl(K1)(K2),-O-C_1-C_6alkyl, or C_1-C_6alkylaryl, wherein K1 is halo or $-CF_3$, and K2 is hydrogen, halo or $-CF_3$ or K1 and K2 together form a methylenedioxy group; or

R3 is optionally substituted aryl, C_1-C_6alkylaryl, C_1-C_6alkyl(O)-C_1-C_6alkylaryl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, (C_1-C_6 alkyl) C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl; and R9 is aryl substituted by at least one $-SO_2CF_3$ group, -O-aryl substituted by at least one $-SO_2CF_3$ group, –N-aryl substituted by at least one $-SO_2CF_3$ group, or –S-aryl substituted by at least one $-SO_2CF_3$ group;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~or solvate~~ thereof.

~~Claim~~ 2 (Currently Amended). A compound according to claim 1 having Formula II



Formula II

wherein

R1, R2, R3, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9 and Q are as defined in claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~or solvate~~ thereof.

~~Claim~~ 3 (Currently Amended). A compound according to claim 2 wherein

R3 is selected from substituted C_1-C_6alkylaryl, substituted C_1-C_6alkyl(O)-C_1-C_6alkylaryl, or substituted (C_1-C_6 alkyl) C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

~~Claim 4~~ (Currently Amended). A compound according to claim 3 wherein the substituted C_1-C_6alkylaryl or substituted C_1-C_6alkyl(O)-C_1-C_6alkylaryl group contains an aryl moiety selected from phenyl, thiazolyl, pyridyl, naphthyl, thienyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl and indolyl which is substituted by from one to three groups independently selected from C_1-C_6 alkyl, -OC_1-C_6 alkyl, -OCF_3, amide, aryl, aryloxy, SO_2(C_{1-6} alkyl), SO_2CF_3, NHamide, carboxamide, sulfonamide, NHsulfonamide, imide, hydroxy, carboxy, nitro, halo, tri(chloro or fluoro)methyl, and cyano; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~or solvate~~ thereof.

~~Claim 5~~ (Currently Amended). A compound according to claim 2 wherein R3 is a substituted C_1-C_6 alkylaryl group or a substituted C_1-C_6alkyl(O)-C_1-C_6alkyl aryl group wherein:

the C_1-C_6alkyl moiety within the substituted C_1-C_6 alkylaryl group is methyl, ethyl or propyl;

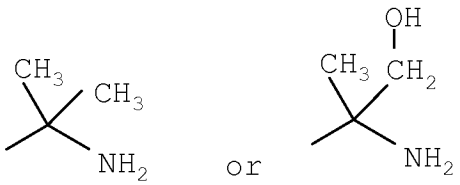
the C_1-C_6alkyl(O)-C_1-C_6alkyl moiety within the substituted C_1-C_6alkyl(O)- C_1-C_6alkyl aryl group is a moiety of formula $–CH_2OCH_2$-;

the substituted aryl moiety is 2-fluorophenyl, 3-fluorophenyl, 4-fluorophenyl, 2,3-difluorophenyl, 2,4-difluorophenyl, 2,5-difluorophenyl, 2,6-difluorophenyl, 3,4-difluorophenyl, 3,5-difluorophenyl, 2,4,6-trifluorophenyl, 2,3,4-trifluorophenyl, 2,4,5-trifluorophenyl, 2,3,6-trifluorophenyl, 2,3,5-trifluorophenyl, 2-chlorophenyl, 3-chlorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 2,6-dichlorophenyl, 2,3-dichlorophenyl, 2,4-dichlorophenyl, 2,5-dichlorophenyl, 2-chloro-4-fluorophenyl, 2-methylphenyl, 2,6-difluoro-3-methylphenyl, 3,6-difluoro-2-chlorophenyl, 2-fluoro-6-chlorophenyl, 2-fluoro-3-chlorophenyl, 2-fluoro-4-chlorophenyl, 2,6-difluoro-3-chlorophenyl, 4-trifluoromethylphenyl, 3-trifluoromethylphenyl, 2-trifluoromethylphenyl, 2-fluoro-5-trifluoromethylphenyl, 2-fluoro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl, 2-fluoro-6-trifluoromethylphenyl, 2-chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl, 4-trifluoromethoxyphenyl, 3-

trifluoromethoxyphenyl, 2-trifluoromethoxyphenyl, 2-cyanophenyl, 3-cyanophenyl, 4-cyanophenyl, 4-methanesulphonylphenyl, or 2-methyl thiazolyl;

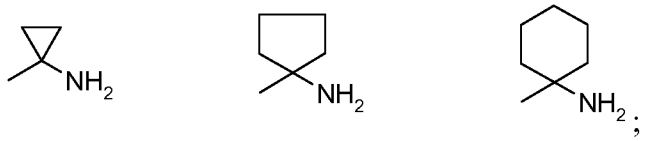
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

~~Claim~~ 6 (Currently Amended). A compound according to claim 2 wherein R1 is



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

~~Claim~~ 7 (Currently Amended). A compound according to claim 2 wherein R1 is selected from $-C(CH_2F)_2NH_2$, $-C(CH_2F)(CH_2CH_2F)NH_2$, $-C(CF_3)(CH_3)NH_2$, $-C(CH_2CH_2F)_2NH_2$, $-C(CH_2CH_3)(CH_2CF_3)NH_2$,



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~or solvate~~ thereof.

~~Claim~~ 8 (Currently Amended). A compound according to claim 2 wherein R6 and R7 are each C_1-C_3 alkyl or form a five or six membered carbocyclic ring; or R6 and R7 are independently C_1-C_6alkyl or C_2-C_6alkenyl, in which one or both groups are substituted by one, two, or three halo atoms; or R6 is hydrogen and R7 is C_1-C_6alkyl, C_2-C_6alkenyl which is substituted by one, two, or three halo atoms; or R6 and R7 together with the carbon atom to which they are attached may form a C_3-C_8cycloalkyl group which is optionally partly unsaturated and which is substituted by one, two, or three halo atoms;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~or solvate~~ thereof.

~~Claim~~ 9 (Currently Amended). A compound according to claim 1 wherein R4 is hydrogen or methyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

~~Claim~~ 10 (Currently Amended). A compound according to claim 2 wherein R5 is hydrogen, C_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxy, C_1-C_6alkyl which is substituted by hydroxy or C_1-C_6alkyl which is substituted by one, two, or three halo atoms, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~or solvate~~ thereof.

~~Claim~~ 11 (Currently Amended). A compound according to claim 10 wherein R5 is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, propyl or n-propyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~or solvate~~ thereof.

~~Claim~~ 12 (Currently Amended). A compound according to claim 2 wherein R8 is hydrogen, C_1-C_6alkyl, (C_1-C_6alkyl)C_3-C_8cycloalkyl, benzyl, 1-phenylethyl, C_1-C_6alkyl which is substituted by hydroxy, methoxy, $CONH_2$, or $CON(CH_3)_2$, or C_1-C_6alkyl which is substituted by one, two, or three halo atoms, phenyl substituted by one, two, or three halo atoms or benzyl substituted by one, two, or three halo atoms, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~or solvate~~ thereof.

~~Claim~~ 13 (Currently Amended). A compound according to claim 12 wherein R8 is C_1-C_6alkyl which is substituted by hydroxy or C_1-C_6alkyl which is substituted by one, two, or three halo atoms, phenyl substituted by one, two, or three halo atoms or benzyl substituted by one, two, or three halo atoms, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~or solvate~~ thereof.

~~Claim~~ 14 (Currently Amended). A compound according to claim 2 wherein R9 is selected from the group consisting of unsubstituted or substituted thienyl, unsubstituted or substituted naphthyl, unsubstituted or substituted phenoxy and unsubstituted or substituted phenyl; wherein the substituents when present are each independently selected from the group consisting of halo, methyl, ethyl, propyl, t-butyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, methoxy, ethoxy, cyano, methylsulphonyl, phenyl,

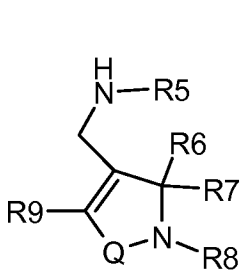
phenoxy, thienyl, pyridyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, nitro, $CONH_2$, furanyl, benzothiophenyl and benzofuranyl;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~or solvate~~ thereof.

~~Claim~~ 15 (Currently Amended). A compound according to claim 14 wherein R9 is selected from phenyl, 4-methylsulphonylphenyl, 3-methylsulphonylphenyl, 4-fluorophenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 3-fluorophenyl, 3-chlorophenyl, 2-chlorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 4-t-butylphenyl, 4-trifluoromethylphenyl, 3-trifluoromethylphenyl, 4-nitrophenyl, 3-nitrophenyl, 4-bromophenyl, 3-bromophenyl, 2-bromophenyl, 4-methylphenyl, 3-methylphenyl, 4-phenylphenyl, 3-phenylphenyl, 4-phenoxyphenyl, 3-phenoxyphenyl, 4-cyanophenyl, 3-cyanophenyl, 4-carbamoylphenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, 3-methoxyphenyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, pyridyl, phenoxy, 4-chlorophenoxy, 2,3-dichlorophenyl, 3,4-dichlorophenyl, naphthyl, oxazolyl, 2,4-difluorophenyl, 3,4-difluorophenyl, 3,5-difluorophenyl, 2,3-difluorophenyl, 2,6-difluorophenyl, 2,5-difluorophenyl, 2-fluoro-3-chlorophenyl, 4-ethylphenyl, 4-ethoxyphenyl 3,4,5-trifluorophenyl, 3-fluoro-4-chlorophenyl and 4-carbamoylphenyl;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~or solvate~~ thereof.

~~Claim~~ 16 (Currently Amended). A pharmaceutical formulation comprising one or more compounds according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~or solvate~~ thereof,
and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable diluents or carriers therefor.

~~Claim~~ 17 (Currently Amended). A pharmaceutical formulation according to claim 16 wherein the formulation further comprises one or more growth hormone secretagogue compounds and/or a bone-antiresorptive agent.

~~Claim~~ 18 (Currently Amended). A process for producing a compound of Formula I as defined in claim 1 comprising coupling a compound of Formula XI or XIb



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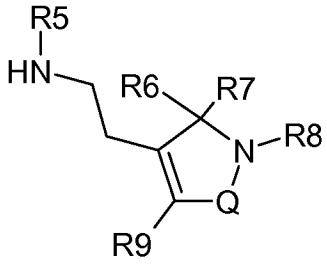

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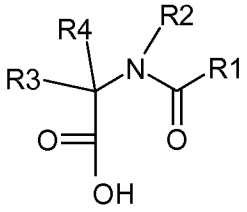
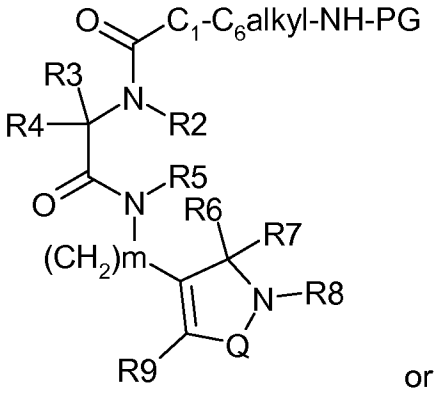
with a compound of formula XIII



XIII

wherein R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8 , R9 and Q are as defined in claim 1.

~~Claim~~ 19 (Currently Amended). A process for producing a compound of Formula I as defined in claim 1 comprising deprotecting a compound of Formula



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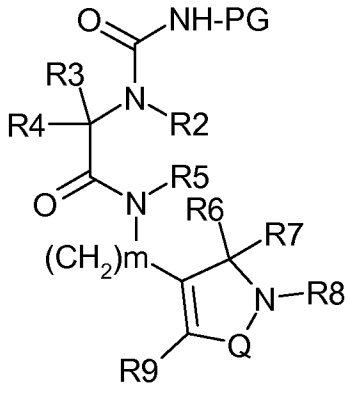
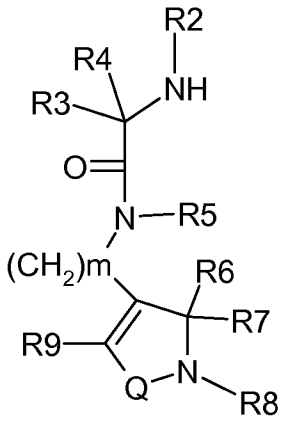


wherein R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8 , R9, m and Q are as defined in claim 1, and PG is an amino protecting group.

~~Claim~~ 20 (Currently Amended). A process for producing a compound of Formula I as defined in claim 1 comprising coupling a compound of Formula



with a compound of formula XIV

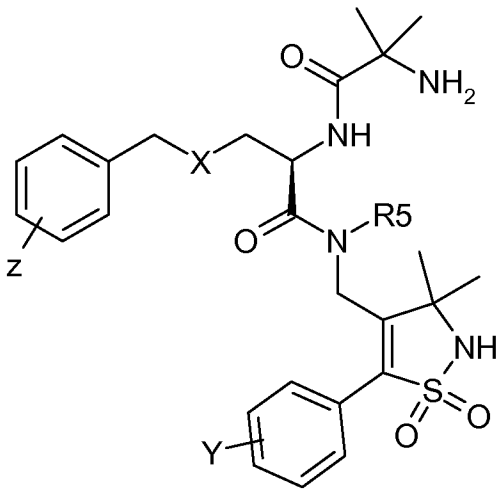
XIV

wherein R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8 , R9 and Q are as defined in claim 1.

~~Claims~~ 21 and 22 (Canceled).

~~Claim~~ 23 (Currently Amended). A method <u>for treating a physiological condition which is modulated or ameliorated by an increase in endogenous growth hormone</u> comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~or solvate~~ thereof ~~for the treatment of a physiological condition which is modulated or ameliorated by an increase in endogenous growth hormone~~ to an animal in need of said treatment.

~~Claim~~ 24 (Currently Amended). A compound having the formula



wherein:

X is O, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 2-F and R5 is Et;

or

X is O, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 3-F and R5 is Et;

or

X is O, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 4-F and R5 is Et;

or

X is O, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 2,3-F_2 and R5 is Et;

or

X is O, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 2,5-F_2 and R5 is Et;

or

X is CH_2, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 2,6-F_2 and R5 is Et;

or

X is O, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 2,6-F_2 and R5 is Et;

or

X is CH_2, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 3,5-F_2 and R5 is Et;

or

X is O, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 2,4,6-F_3 and R5 is Et;

or

X is O, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 2,3,5-F_3 and R5 is Et;

or

X is O, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 2,6-Cl_2 and R5 is Et;

or

X is O, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 2-F-6-Cl and R5 is Et;

or

X is O, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 2-Cl-3,6-F_2 and R5 is Et;

or

X is O, Y is 4-Cl, Z is 2-CN and R5 is Et;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~or solvate~~ thereof.

~~Claim~~ 25 (Currently Amended). ~~A compound selected from the group consisting of~~

2-(R)-2-(2-Amino-2-methylpropionylamino)-3-(2,6-difluoro-3-methylphenyl)methoxy propionic acid N-[5-(4-chlorophenyl)- 3,3-dimethyl-1,1-dioxo-2,3-dihydroisothiazol-4-ylmethyl]-N-ethylamide; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~or solvate~~ thereof.